



“Help with Unbelief”

Possible Series

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Hebrews 11:1

Mark 9:16-27

3 obstacles to real faith:

- 1) A **SIGN** demanding faith.
- 2) **SECOND-HAND** faith.
- 3) **SELF-CENTERED** faith.

How do we grow **REAL** faith:

- 1) **IMMERSE** ourselves in **GOD’S WORD**.
 - Romans 10:17
- 2) **ACT** on **GOD’S WORD**.
 - James 2:26
 - Real faith doesn’t just **HINGE** on the outcome.
 - Real faith is in the **HEART**, the **CHARACTER**, & the **NATURE** of God!

Mark 9:25-27

Faith doesn’t just focus on **WHAT GOD DOES**, but **WHO HE IS**.

Revelation 3:16

Take-Away: Growing People **CHANGE!**

C3 Group Questions

Accountability: Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: If God would do one thing I asked, what would I ask Him to do?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

Read Mark 9:14-32. Why do I think Jesus was upset with their lack of faith? Does Jesus' response seem reasonable or too harsh?

What types of faith did the disciples have? What was their faith (belief) in Christ primarily based on? What kind of faith did the boy's father have?

Read Hebrews 11:1-13. Define faith in my own words. Which is the greater reality: the seen or the unseen? (see 2 Corinthians 4:18). Why is our faith so important to God?

Why is it important to keep our faith focused on who Christ IS rather than what we want Him to do?

What does the phrase "Faith doesn't just focus on what He does, but who He is" mean to me?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- In what areas is my faith the weakest? What will I do to immerse myself in God's Word to build my faith? When will I do this? What specific ways do I need to act on God's Word?
- In what areas is God asking me to exercise faith IN Christ? What action will I take this week to demonstrate my belief in who Christ is, what He has done &/or what He will do thru me?